

REMARKS

Claims 1-47 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

Claims 48-68 have been added.

Thus, claims 48-68 are pending.

The Decision on Appeal dated May 25, 2011 affirmed the final rejections over Tohyama raised in the Examiner's Answer dated April 3, 2009.

Independent claim 48 is allowable over Tohyama, since Tohyama does not provide any teaching or hint of a storage array controller that controls an array of storage devices, in combination with the storage array controller receiving a service request that is a request to perform a data redundancy operation with the array of storage devices that implements RAID storage of data, along with other elements of the claim. Tohyama describes a software licensing system that includes a licensing terminal for storing a license menu, and a user terminal capable of accessing the licensed menu. Tohyama, ¶ [0009]. The licensing terminal can create and send to the user terminal a pass containing the term and number of times that usage of software is approved. *Id.* However, such teachings of Tohyama are unrelated to the claimed subject matter.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claim 48 is clearly allowable over Tohyama. Independent claims 59 and 67 are also similarly allowable over Tohyama.

Dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as corresponding base claims.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 (200208247-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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